(iv) Provision of stainless steel chairs;

(v) Improvement to lighting in concourse, Public Reservation System and waiting hall;

(vi) Improvement to concourse and Passenger Care Centre;

(vii) Provision of Coach Guidance System for two platforms;

(viii) Paving the prime area of platform No. 1 with granite slabs, provision of benches, platform sinks, etc.

(ix) Provision of Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant for water purification; and

(x) Provision of plasma based train arrival/departure information display boards.

Following modernisation works have also been planned for completion by 30th September, 2008;

(1) Construction of second Booking Office near Parcel Office for shifting the existing Booking office;

(2) Provision of new Waiting room at Quilon-end and conversion of existing upper class waiting room into air-conditioned room; and

(3) Improvement to Information Centre.

Decline in acquisition of wagons

3516. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a sharp decline in the acquisition of railway wagons for the past ten years;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) the implications, if any, because of this decline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Doubling and electrification of rail lines in Gujarat

3517. SHRI **VIJAY** KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria for double track railways line and electrification;

(b) by when the second ralways track is likely to be constructed on Viramgam-Rajkot line; and

(c) by when the Ahmedabad-Rajkot railway line would be fully electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Doubling and electrification of tracks are considered primarily on traffic volumes, economic viability and operational necessity and availability of funds. As per as Viramgam-

Rajkot line is concerned, a survey for doubling of Viramgam-Surendranagar section which is a part of the Viramgam-Rajkot section has been completed recently.

(c) At present, there is no proposal to electify Ahmedabad-Rajkot railway line.

Linking the district headquarters with State capital

3518. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the proposal or progress of Jamnagar, Sabarmati broad gauge and Gandhinagar capital railway stations;

(b) the proposal/progress of Gandhinagar capital-Kalol Junction railway line;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of State capitals, avail direct link through passenger trains with district headquarters of the State; and

(d) the proposal to join and link the district headquarters with State capital in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Jamnagar and Sabarmati are already on broad gauge network. For connectivity to Gandhinagar from Delhi-Ahmedabad line, work of gauge conversion of Kalol-Adrej Moti with extension to Gandhinagar has already been completed and commissioned.

(c) and (d) The State capital of most of the States is connected by Railway line and the railway network provide connectivity to various parts of the State. In Gujarat also, Gandhinagar is connected with railway line. There is no policy of linking district headquarters with capital city through direct rail connections.

Complaints regarding quality of food

3519. MS. SUSHILATIRIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints regarding quality of food being served in the trains have been received by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to maintain the quality of food?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Railways endeavour to provide hygienic food to the passengers at stations and in trains at reasonable prices. However, some complaints regarding quality, less quantity, over charging have been received. Appropriate action like warning, fine, termination of contract, counseling, etc. is taken on complaints found substantiated.

Railway lines in Orissa

3520. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when his Ministry is going to complete Jakhapure-Banspani doubling and Haridaspur-Paradeep railway line; and

(b) whether his Ministry has any plan to take railway line to Dhamaraport *via* Navigaya, Jaipur, Akhandalman Pitha, Aradi from Jajpur-Keonjhar Road?

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